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Police rebuke officer for tweet

SOCIAL MEDIA

Advocacy group told to do their jobs 'properly'

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton Police won't identify an officer they told Metro Wednesday has been disciplined for comments on Twitter — comments made to a homeless advocacy group which, they said, were off tone and lacked professionalism.

On Tuesday, @innercityyeg, a Twitter handle used by a group of frontline workers from several agencies in the city, tweeted about news that Edmonton was hiring 49 more police officers.

"Please no more police!" @innercityyeg tweeted.

A response came from an unidentified police officer with access to the Twitter handle, @eps_csi.

"Right. And your solution to massive growing population, terrorist threats to our malls, more guns, drugs & violence is?" the unidentified police officer tweeted.

The CSI account is one of 21 Edmonton police Twitter accounts, said police officials Wednesday. Some of the accounts are for individual officers; others are for units within the force, they said.

Following the EPS CSI Unit tweet, Inner City Frontline responded, writing that more money for social problems would help.

"So basically, if ppl like you did your jobs properly, we would need less police. So why don't you do your jobs properly?" the police officer responded.

Asked specifically about the interaction, police spokesperson



Sometimes being too personal can look a little negative.

Landis Kine Donahue

Patricia Thenu and the force's social media head, Landis Kine Donahue, said they "didn't know" which officer in the CSI unit had written the tweets.

Kine Donahue said the interaction, nonetheless, broke EPS policy. Later, Kine Donahue and Thenu revealed that a male officer has been "talked to" for the interaction.

No details were provided of what discipline the officer faced, nor was his identity revealed.

Daniel Johnson, a researcher and member of the Inner City Group, said his tweet was trying to illustrate that police are often insensitive.

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Babies make first contact with moms after C-section

CHILDBIRTH

Mother says 'skin-to-skin' is 'best feeling in the world'



Leah Holoday
Metro | Edmonton

Even though it was her third baby, Edmonton mother Amy Oliver called her latest birth unlike any other.

After a C-section delivery, Oliver had her newborn daughter Blakely placed on her chest to experience skin-to-skin contact. Oliver and her daughter were the first to take advantage of a new pilot project launched at the Grey Nuns Hospital, as the facility works to achieve an international accreditation for baby-friendly initiatives.

"My other two (children) were C-sections as well, and Dad always got baby right away," Oliver said about her recent delivery. "This time, once they took her out, cleaned her up and wrapped her, they brought her directly to me and put her right on me."

"It was the best feeling in the world."

Sheri McKenzie, program manager at the Grey Nuns,

said this isn't the first time the hospital has offered skin-to-skin for mothers delivering by C-section, but it is a part of the latest attempt to establish a set of protocols to allow for mother-baby bonding immediately after the child is born in the operating room.

"We do skin-to-skin with all of our normal deliveries, or most of them. In the (operating room), it is a new initiative that we've piloted before, but we're trying to re-establish it to get it sustainable," McKenzie said.

The World Health Organization lists skin-to-skin contact as an important step to take after childbirth and included it in the Baby Friendly Initiative — a global program launched in 1991. Grey Nuns and Misericordia Community Hospital have joined together in an effort to achieve the baby-friendly accreditation.

McKenzie said some of the challenges of doing skin-to-skin in the operating room include ensuring the mom stays stable following surgery, along with cleanliness concerns.

Over the next month, the hospital will be offering skin-to-skin for C-section births, while trying to find ways to make the option sustainable for all operating room deliveries.



Edmonton mother Amy Oliver cuddles her newborn daughter Blakely immediately after the infant was born via C-section. VANESSA BROWN PHOTOGRAPHY, EDMONTON BIRTH & PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHER

REXALL PLACE

What's next for the old barn when the new arena opens?

A much-anticipated report with recommendations for the future of Rexall Place was released Wednesday.

What did the report say?

The report recommends repurposing the building and getting out of the big-arena business. There are a lot of options discussed in the report, including making it more of a convention space or community recreation facility, but it's definitely not going to compete with the new arena. "Competition will not work in a city of our size," said Tim Reid, Northlands CEO.

Could it be demolished?

The report concludes that if the building can't be repurposed it has to be torn down. Mayor Don Iveson said he hopes to find new uses, but for the community's sake it can't just be mothballed. "If we can't find a solution that keeps that building active and vibrant it cannot be boarded up. It can not be derelict."

What about the Oilers?

The master agreement with the Oilers for the new downtown arena prohibits the city from investing in Rexall Place if it is going to be a sports or entertainment facility. All sides said there was a new spirit of co-operation, but Oilers vice-chair Bob Nicholson said it was too early to know if they would insist on that part of the deal being enforced. METRO

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Fitness startup hits the big time with bevy of options

SPLIT FIT

Membership offers yoga, spinning, boot camp classes



Leah Holoiday
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Yoga today, spinning class tomorrow and how about a bootcamp Saturday? That's the idea behind an innovative approach to fitness set to launch in Edmonton and Calgary at the end of the month.

The concept is simple: users pay a monthly membership and are able to access a number of boutique fitness studios and group classes throughout their city.

Founder and University of Alberta MBA student Tim Gourlay said he was motivated to create the fitness subscription after he noticed the cost of exercising was raking in.

"My wife and I are pretty active people and we were spending \$250 to \$300 a month on fitness classes to attend the group classes we wanted to," he said. "We'd always have an unlimited membership to one

studio and then we'd just carry punch passes or pay drop-in rates to go the other classes."

With support from the University of Alberta's EHub and Startup Edmonton, Gourlay was able to take his idea and turn it into Split Fit — offering Edmontonians a subscription to a selection of boutique fitness studios for one flat rate.

While the initial business design had the right idea, Gourlay said he had to maintain the requests himself, limiting the number of people who could access the membership.

"I built this product on a very beta basis that wasn't really able to scale," said Gourlay.



It's going to allow us to add more studios, more users.

Tim Gourlay

Now partnering with eastern Canada's Fitset, Gourlay and his Calgary counterpart Brittany Wickham will be able to offer users a more streamlined membership for \$99 a month.

"(Working with FitSet), it's going to allow us to add more studios, more users, really connect us to a much stronger digital-marketing strategy," he said.

So far in Edmonton, Blitz Conditioning, Barre Body and CrossFit Armoury are on board. In Calgary, pass users can access Ironside Fitness, Yoga Studio South and Vita Fitness.



Tim Gourlay is behind the company Split Fit, which offers members access to a host of fitness studios for one price. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO



Metro Line LRT is set to open in May. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

TRANSIT

Weekend shutdown for LRT

Edmonton's entire LRT system will be shut down again on Sunday to "accommodate signalling system testing" for the long-delayed Metro Line LRT.

Buses will replace the LRT service on April 19 as workers test out the signalling.

City officials did not provide an update to Metro on Wednesday on the handover from Toronto-based Thales Group, after they announced two weeks ago they were waiting for documents from the signalling contractor.

At that time, 20 items were missing from those handed to the city, according to LRT construction head Wayne Mandryk, and Thales was expected to submit them before the city could consider accepting the work as complete.

City officials have hinted at a May opening date for the LRT but have yet to lock down a date for the start of service for the \$665-million Metro Line.

Thales does not receive a "large portion" of their payment until there's a successful operation of the system for six months and a year.

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Wildrose candidate booted for remarks

POLITICS

Blog post went after activists for gay rights



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Wildrose Leader Brian Jean is kicking one of his candidates to the curb after a troubling post was discovered online accusing "gay activists" of pushing their agenda into churches.

Russ Kuykendall, the Wildrose candidate for Calgary-Varsity, was not yet officially endorsed by the party. Jean said after receiving his vetting package that he will be looking for a new standard-bearer.

"I just received back this morning at 11 a.m. his vetting package and I spoke with Russ just this afternoon, and we are currently seeking a new can-



Former Calgary-Varsity candidate Russ Kuykendall. CONTRIBUTED

didate for Calgary-Varsity," he said in an interview with Metro.

In a blog post for the Western Standard, Kuykendall wrote about the 2007 Mayor's Pride Brunch, an annual event in support of Camp Fyrefly, and accused organizers of wanting to provoke a reaction by holding it at the St. Andrew's Centre.

"The message that appears

to be sent to Catholic Christians who don't accept this 'lifestyle' as acceptable is that 'equality' means that gay activists can take their agenda not just to your front door but inside the door to places that are consecrated to the Catholic faith, with uniformed police officers (!) exercising state coercion to defend that right!" reads the post.

Jean said the Wildrose will

be working for all Albertans and that Kuykendall does not meet their standard.

"We're focused on our five priorities and we're going to make sure that our five priorities reflect that we will be governing for all Albertans equally," he said. "He does not meet what we require for the standard of our candidates."

Former Wildrose leader Danielle Smith faced a swell of criticism during the 2012 provincial campaign when she refused to toss Edmonton candidate Allan Hunsperger after a controversial blog post of his surfaced.

In it, Hunsperger warned that Satan was setting a "trap" for gays and lesbians and if they didn't change their ways they would "suffer the rest of eternity in the lake of fire, hell."

Kuykendall couldn't immediately be reached for comment Wednesday.

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SUPREME COURT

Prayers at council meetings could end

A Supreme Court decision could put a stop to the interfaith prayers that open city-council meetings.

The court ruled that the reading of a Catholic prayer at council meetings in Saguenay, Que., infringes on freedom of conscience and religion.

Canadian society has evolved and given rise to a "concept of neutrality according to which the state must not interfere in religion and beliefs," the judgment said.

Mayor Don Iveson said the city is reviewing the decision but said the city's approach is different in that it welcomes people of all religious traditions.

"What we do is an interfaith prayer, so we are trying to include all expressions of faith," he said.

He said he hopes it continues.

"It's a valuable recognition of the diversity of expressions of faith you find in Edmonton," he said.

City clerk Alayne Sinclair confirmed the city's law branch is reviewing the decision.

She said the city has an open policy and that the city's chaplain seeks out religious groups

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Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson suspended prayers at a city-council meeting Wednesday pending a review of the decision, while the mayor of Levis, Que., said he'll do the same at a council meeting next week.

Several other Ontario cities, including Windsor, say they'll do away with the Lord's Prayer in the wake of the ruling, but the mayors of Winnipeg and Oshawa, Ont., told reporters they would not immediately put an end to the practice.

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to offer the opening prayer and even consults census data regarding the religious make-up of the city.

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When voting, does personality matter more than policy?

Personality does play a big part for some people, (but) for me, it's not more important. It can have an effect after the election happens, (and) I think subconsciously it's part of my decision-making factor, but I try to focus on what they're bringing to the table politically. That's much more important.

Personality is important when having to deal with the general population, but I think more people need to be more educated about what these people are going to put into place. You could have the most charismatic leader, but if they're going to put in place policies that are against what you value, it isn't relevant.

For me it hasn't, and I don't believe it should, but I have a strong feeling that it does matter in the end. It's interesting to see with Justin Trudeau. A lot of people know him largely because of his father but also because he's bright, affable, friendly, good-looking and all these things. It would be nice to see policy be the only thing that matters, but somebody still has to be interesting enough to listen to and hear that policy.



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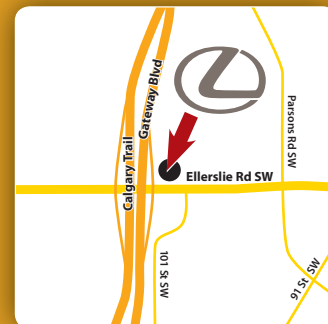
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Postsec funding exceeds growth

'NOT SUSTAINABLE'

Ministry drops more hints of major changes for sector

 **Jeremy Nola's**
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Post-secondary proponents often fixate on a 2013 slashing of provincial operating grants, but the actual dollars invested in the sector have far exceeded the rate of growth over the past decade.

In 2013-14, the last complete year of schooling on record, the province provided \$2.2 billion in total operating funds to 28 institutions, a 77 per cent increase over the amount doled out a decade prior.

"This equals a yearly average funding increase of 7.7 per cent," reads a statement from the province prior to the election be called this month.

"Annual funding increases of this magnitude are not sustainable, which has been highlighted by our current fiscal challenges due to the price of oil.

"This is why we are talking about working with Campus Alberta partners to ensure the system is financially sustainable, accessible and focused on excellence."

The comments appear to be the latest hint towards a major shift in how Alberta's post-secondary sector is funded.

The day the provincial budget dropped, the ministry began posting messages to social media pointing out that while Alberta universities receive almost 58 per cent of their operat-



Navneet Khinda, chairwoman of the Council of Alberta University Students, said Alberta's post-secondary sector is lacking a clear direction. METRO

ing revenue from government, schools in Ontario receive just 42 per cent.

As well, A recent study by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario found Alberta spends more per university student than any other province — nearly \$44,000 — yet only achieves better results than Saskatchewan and Quebec.

Navneet Khinda, chairwoman of the Council of Alberta Uni-

versity Students, said breaking down post-secondary funding to a per-student level doesn't make sense because it doesn't factor in steep costs for those involved in research.

She conceded that students she represents are better funded than some in other parts of the country but said outcomes are lacking because the province has identified strong goals for the sector.



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We've had 44 years of the same government and I don't think anybody disagrees that new brooms sweep clean — and we need a new broom in Alberta.

METROTALKS BRIAN JEAN

AS PART OF METRO'S EDITORIAL PANEL WITH PARTY LEADERS FIGHTING TO BE ALBERTA'S PREMIER, WE SIT DOWN WITH THE **HEAD OF THE WILDROSE PARTY**

KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

In the first of a series of editorial boards with the major party leaders, the Wildrose's Brian Jean sat down with Metro reporters and editors to explain his vision for the province. Here's what he said, issue by issue:

HEALTH CARE

Jean sees a broken system with too many layers of approval getting in the way of patient care.

"Over the last 10 years that amount of managers has doubled, but the need for health care has not doubled," he said.

Jean has promised to dramatically trim the ranks of managers and consultants at Alberta Health Services. He said many managers in the system are there only to create paperwork.

"We believe by removing that layer of bureaucracy, we will actually get more service and better service to the frontline," he said.

He said there is also no need for the health-care levy.

"We already pay 46 or 47 per cent of our entire budget for hospital care, for health care, and now they have put in another tax."

EDUCATION

Jean said he would respect the autonomy of local trustee boards when it comes to spending education dol-

lars. In recent days, concerns have been raised about the Tory government freezing available operating reserves and ordering that cuts be made to close funding shortfalls.

"We believe more power should be at the local level ... but that obviously has to be consistent with the macro view from the province on how we educate our children, especially in the public school system, which has to remain open and free," Jean said.

The Wildrose leader also vouched support for the contentious Bill 10, which requires all schools to support

the establishment of student-run gay-straight alliances.

"The bill is there, the bill is there to stay.... We support that bill at this stage, for certain," he said, adding he believes bullying in schools is a "serious problem."

"I have many friends and family members that are gay and I don't believe it's right that people abuse those individuals and taunt them or individualize them," Jean said. "I myself have seen that for years and I won't tolerate that."

POST-SECONDARY

Jean said he sees no imminent

need to change the provincial tuition cap, which is currently tied to the rate of inflation. Rumours have swirled that students could be on the hook to cover more of their post-secondary schooling costs in the coming years.

Jean said he would also consider adding "restrictions" on what institutions can charge for services outside of tuition. Alberta students currently fork over more in non-instructional fees than students in any other Canadian province.

"We believe the less taxes on students especially, the better off we all are," Jean said.

FLOOR-CROSSERS

The Wildrose party was hit hard this past year as Danielle Smith, its former leader, crossed the floor to the PCs, taking much of the party with her.

Jean said that won't happen again and all of his candidates have pledged to pay a substantial penalty if they cross the floor.

"That means if I cross the floor or if another member of the caucus crosses the floor, they have to pay the Wildrose \$100,000 in liquidated damages," he said.

Jean said nothing in this proposal would stop someone

from sitting as an independent or voting differently than the party, but he added the floor-crossers who left last year weren't taking a principled stand.

"They did that for personal gain. There was a promise of cabinet positions and secure nominations."

Jean said his party would also not take floor crossers into its ranks.

MUNICIPAL FUNDING

Cities would have more to do under a Wildrose government leader, Jean said.

"There is more money for cities," he said. "There is more money under our plan to do more things."

Jean said the Wildrose would rely on its 10-10 plan, giving cities 10 per cent of tax revenues and 10 per cent of surpluses to build new infrastructure, with no strings attached.

"I believe the best decisions are made at the local level. Municipalities make much better decisions," he said.

Jean pointed to his work as a federal MP pushing for the gas-tax fund as proof of his commitment.

"I was one of the biggest proponents of the gas-tax model of funding. The gas-tax model of funding actually gets per-capita funding right to municipalities," he said.

METRO

Son top of mind in quest to fix health care

As Brian Jean campaigns across Alberta to bring the Wildrose to victory, he carries two things — a binder from his time in the House of Commons, which he's quick to say he paid for, and the memory of his son.

Just weeks before the campaign, Jean's 24-year-old son Michael died of lymphoma. His son's illness was a mystery to the family for months. Jean said Wednesday the way Alberta's health-care system failed his son is a big part of why he is running.

"My son died because they wouldn't get a test, a \$2,000 test."

Jean said he told staff he would do anything when his son was admitted in November, including paying out of pocket if need be.

"My son is the most important thing in my life and I will borrow and do whatever I can do for him," he said he told staff.

He said after several misdiagnoses, a frontline worker finally told him what needed to be done, but it was too late.

"Finally this woman told

me she would be fired, but there was a \$2,000 test, which I ordered the same day, and it was too late and he died," he said.

He said he found out that test was lost to bureaucracy, which is why it didn't happen.

"That test had to go through a 30-day approval by the Alberta government, and that meant it had to go in front of a bureaucrat or a board and I think that's wrong."

Jean said his son's case illustrates the problems facing the system, because that test wouldn't have just helped his son — it could have moved him out of hospital.

"If you get a \$2,000 test done, then you get this guy out of the hospital instead of waiting and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said.

He said the overly managed system puts too much focus on process and not enough on results, and he would flip that around.

"You concentrate on healing the person, not just treating the person."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Wildrose Leader Brian Jean says his son's death is a big reason why he is hoping to improve health care. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Five things you didn't know about Brian Jean

1 He's a snowboarder. In fact, he's been snowboarding since 1991 and owns three snowboards.

"I was one of those first guys they wouldn't allow on many slopes."

The best snow for snowboarding? "Usually Revelstoke," Jean said.

2 He kite boards, white-

water kayaks and does outdoorsy things. A lot.

3 His mom, Frances Jean, published her first book recently called More Than Oil. She was 80 when she published it.

"I'd like to put some of my litigation experiences ... into a book," Jean said.

4 His notes are held in an official House of Commons binder, which he's quick to point out he paid for.

5 He's the youngest of 11 children.

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What's your party's biggest weakness?

I would say the recognition that we are a mainstream party, that we are not going to be governing on social issues.... I would say that's our biggest weakness. People label us as a certain type of party because of some people in the past and what they've done.

What's something you always wanted to talk about that no one ever asks you about?

Everybody asks me everything. I can't really say that there would be anything that people don't ask me.

Is the a TV show that you binge-watch?

House of Cards is pretty good; I like that show. I don't watch a lot of television, to be honest. I like to read, I like to listen to music, I like to be outdoors.

Finish this sentence: If I wasn't a politician I would be ...

Happy — no, I'm just kidding.... I would probably be a writer. I would love to write. I've always wanted to write novels, write suspense, things like that.

He took over the party only weeks ago. What's his plan to get up to speed quickly to run the whole province if he won?

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I think I am up to speed. I have been an Albertan all my life and I am an Alberta boy and I am very proud of it. I understand the division of powers because I was a lawyer, and I understand what provincial jurisdiction is and what federal jurisdiction is. For 10 years I was a federal MP, so I worked with all my provincial counterparts and did the work of legislation.
Brian Jean

Transgender kids find support

EQUALITY

More parents choosing to accept, not condemn

Charlie was just three years old, sitting in the tub at bath time, when she looked up at her mom and asked: "Will my penis ever disappear? When will it shrink?"

It was a pivotal moment for the family, and the beginning of a journey that would see Charlie the boy transition into Charlie the girl.

"It was one of those deer-in-the-headlights moments for parents because you go, 'How do I answer that?'" recalls Charlie's mother, Anne Lowthian.

"So I looked at Charlie and said, 'Is that what you want?' And she said, 'Yes, because I'm a girl.'"

Lowthian says she and her husband, Chris Rickert, talked about it.

"We were concerned, because we thought what's this going to mean for her if she truly identifies as a girl? We had no experi-



Charlie, age 9, who was born male but identifies as female, plays video games on Wednesday at her home in Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ence with transgender, we had no idea what it was."

Believing it was important for their child to freely express herself, they didn't blink when Charlie, then 4, went to preschool in their rural eastern Ontario community dressed as a boy, but wearing nail polish and

pink and purple clothes. She told teachers she was really a girl.

"They ostracized her," Lowthian says of school administrators. And then there was the bullying by other kids.

"They hurt me physically and verbally," says Charlie, now 9. "They'd give me noogies, they'd

punch me, they'd bite me. They called me names. They started calling me 'girlish boy.'"

The family, who lost longtime friends over their decision not to make their child "conform," moved to Ottawa and found a supportive school for Charlie, who entered Grade 1 living full-

time as a girl.

"It was wonderful to watch," says Lowthian. "You've never heard a girl squeal with delight like Charlie did when she got her first princess dress, and then all the dresses after that. And how much fun is it to go shopping with a child who is so thrilled to be looking in the mirror at a person they actually like ... To see her get up and go to school every day confident in who she was and happy to be who she was, it was just thrilling."

Until recently, a mismatch between biological sex and gender identity had been deemed a mental disorder in the psychiatric bible known as the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. But the latest version, the DSM-5, renamed the phenomenon gender dysphoria, defined as a persistent conflict and discomfort with one's biological sex.

Meanwhile, Ontario NDP MPP Cheri Dinovo tabled a bill that would ban reparative therapy for sexual orientation or gender identity in those 18 and under and delist it as an insured service. Bill 77 passed second reading April 2 and was sent to committee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ STATISTICS

There are no solid statistics on how many children and adults feel their gender is at odds with their physical sex, but worldwide estimates range from one in 200 to one in 500.

The figures don't surprise Dr. Stephen Feder, head of CHEO's Gender Diversity Clinic. Doctors spend time getting to know the child or youth, and obtaining corroborating information from parents. One study suggests that three-quarters of children who present as the opposite gender revert back, though it's a figure he tends to take "with a grain of salt" because the reasons can be varied.

"We're talking about the kid in the moment, not the kid four years from now. So the issue is how do you support that child where they are now. And you do that as you would for any child, by trying to support them 100 per cent." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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TERRORISM FEAR

Two teens to remain in custody: Officials

Two 18-year-olds will remain in custody in Montreal until at least next Monday because authorities fear they will commit a terrorism-related offence.

No charges have been filed against the man and woman, who both appeared briefly in court Wednesday.

Federal prosecutor Lyne Decarie would not comment on the evidence against El Mahdi Jamali and Sabrina Djaermane.

But Decarie described their arrests Tuesday as a preventive measure that is justified "when police have reasonable grounds to fear that a person will commit a terrorist act."

Decarie told reporters she intends to seek peace bonds which will set out conditions the two must agree to.

Marc Giroux, Jamali's lawyer, said outside the courtroom it was the first time he has had

+ ATTACKS

Last year, two soldiers were killed in separate attacks by so-called lone-wolf terrorists.

to deal with such a case and that the country's police forces have become more sensitive in recent months.

"What's going on in the world, and especially what went on in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, the police officers are kind of sensitive to that reality and I think it's kind of normal," he said.

"I don't say it justified the procedure but, that being said, the behaviour of the police is representative of the society in which we are living."

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MIAMI, FLA.

Diplomat's teen son to be tried as adult

A Canadian diplomat's teenage son accused of involvement in a drug-related shootout that killed his older brother in Florida has been charged with murder and will be tried as an adult.

A Miami-Dade County grand jury indicted 15-year-old Marc Wabafiyebazu on first-degree felony murder charges Wednesday.

Wabafiyebazu's defence lawyer, Curt Obront, said his client will plead not guilty.

"We have confidence in the criminal justice system," Obront said.

Wabafiyebazu was arrested on March 30 after the shooting deaths of his 17-year-old brother, Jean, and 17-year-old Joshua Wright. The indictment returned Wednesday charges

that Wright and Jean Wabafiyebazu shot each other.

The grand jury also indicted two other young men involved in the alleged drug deal on felony murder charges.

Media reports say Wabafiyebazu, who is being held in juvenile detention, will now be moved to an adult jail to await trial.

Wabafiyebazu's lawyer has said his client — whose mother is Roxanne Dubé, a longtime Canadian diplomat who recently became general consul in Miami — plans to plead not guilty to any charges in the case.

Under Florida law, all suspects involved in committing a crime can be charged with murder if it leads to a killing.

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper walk in the Hall of Honour on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. It is the first bilateral visit to Canada by an Indian PM since 1973. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada-India ties now stronger: Modi

POLITICS

Countries signed series of bilateral agreements

The relationship between India and Canada is now back on track, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Wednesday after signing a number of bilateral agreements, including a deal to buy Canadian uranium to fuel his country's power reactors.

Modi and Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed Wednesday the deal is just a first step towards

deepening economic ties, and that the relationship between the two countries hasn't yet lived up to its potential.

"Canada is a major Asia-Pacific power and should play a more active role, including in regional institutions," Modi said, standing next to Harper.

Harper said he agreed: "It's not where we want it to be, but it is growing."

Under the nuclear deal, India will buy more than 3,000 tonnes of Saskatchewan uranium.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who was on hand for the announcement, said the deal, estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars, would be

“Canada is ready to deepen co-operation with India in science, education, defence and space technology.”

PM Stephen Harper

a boon for his province.

"For an employer of 4,000 people in the province — 45 per cent of them First Nations and Métis — it's a great day for Saskatchewan."

The contract with Cameco Corp. is one of a number of agreements that were announced Wednesday, after Harper welcomed Modi to Parliament Hill amid full military honours, including a 19-gun salute.

The deals include pledges to co-operate in the areas of civil aviation, railway transportation and education and skills development, as well as space, social security and maternal, newborn and child health.

It is the first bilateral visit to Canada by an Indian prime minister since Indira Gandhi was hosted in 1973 by then-prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

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Plot to kill Lincoln had Canada link

HISTORY

Assassin may have planned details during Montreal trip

The assassination of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln is an undisputed cornerstone of American history, but those who have studied the event suggest both the origin and ending of that seminal moment have ties to Canada.

Some historians suspect the groundwork for a plot to kill the U.S. Civil War president was partially laid in a Canadian city that had become a haven for his political foes.

When a simplified version of that plot succeeded 150 years ago in April 1865, they say it was a Canadian who ultimately led the effort that brought down Lincoln's assassin.

Historian John Boyko researched Canada's direct contribution to the 19th-century conflict in his book *Blood and Daring: How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation*.

He said John Wilkes Booth, the American stage actor whose fame shifted to infamy after killing the president, had long been conspiring to bring down the anti-slavery, union government.

Boyko said Booth's plans almost certainly came under discussion when the actor made a nine-day visit to Montreal in

October 1864.

"What Booth was trying to do was put together a team of people that could arrange the kidnapping, later the assassination, of Lincoln," Boyko said in a telephone interview from Lakefield, Ont.

"It was very difficult to do in Washington because there were so many spies for the government. But if you go to where other Confederate spies are, then you know that you don't necessarily have to watch your back like you were in the United States and that you were going to have the kind of ... people that are going to back you in the enterprise. The best place to do that was Montreal."

History shows that American southerners opposed to Lincoln's policies were able to find safe haven with their northern neighbour, which was officially not involved in the Civil War.

University of Toronto professor Robert Bothwell said both Toronto and Montreal emerged as particular hubs of anti-union activity, adding that Confederate President Jefferson Davis eventually made Montreal his home in the years after his cause was defeated.

Bothwell said Confederate sympathizers likely found pockets of strong support for their views in Canada, where British-born colonialists who shared their pro-slavery sentiments had also developed some anti-American feelings of their own. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT OF APPEAL

First Nations can sue without title to land

B.C.'s highest court has ruled that First Nations can launch lawsuits to protect their territory from private parties even if they haven't proven aboriginal title.

The Court of Appeal has overturned a lower-court judgment that denied a lawsuit seeking damages for breached property rights on the basis that aboriginals had to first estab-

lish their title.

The decision centres on two northwestern B.C. First Nations based downstream of the Kenney hydroelectric dam, operated by Rio Tinto Alcan since the 1950s. The Saik'uz and Stellat'en First Nations argue the dam causes nuisance and breaches their rights to the natural waterway that runs through their land. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AVIAN INFLUENZA

H5 virus could linger in North America

The H5 bird-flu viruses crossing North America may be around for a while, avian-influenza experts warn.

The coming nesting season, which will see wild birds converge on breeding grounds in Northern Canada and Alaska, could further spread the virus in wild bird populations and produce a new wave of outbreaks in poultry operations when the

birds fly south in the fall, they suggested Wednesday.

It's not completely clear what route the highly pathogenic H5 viruses took to get to North America, though the suspicion is that infected wild birds brought this family of Asian bird-flu viruses to North America, perhaps through northern Russia and Alaska.

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Feared drowning of 400 migrants raises alarms

SHIPWRECK

Mediterranean most deadly sea route used by refugees

The feared drowning of 400 migrants in a shipwreck this week in the Mediterranean Sea — one of the deadliest such tragedies in the last decade — raised alarms Wednesday amid an unprecedented wave of migration toward Europe from Africa and the Middle East.

The UN refugee agency expressed shock at the scale of the deaths in Monday's capsizing and renewed calls on European governments to redouble search and rescue efforts, while the International Organization for Migration maintained that the situation had reached "crisis proportions."

The Mediterranean "has emerged as the most dangerous" of four major sea routes used by the world's refugees and migrants, taken by 219,000 people last year, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said.

The Italian Coast Guard rescued some 140 people off the coast of Libya on Monday and recovered nine bodies, but could see immediately from the size of the capsized smuggler's boat that there had likely been hundreds more on board.

The rescue was made during a five-day surge that saw Italian ships save nearly 10,000 people at sea since Friday — an unprecedented rate in such a short period, according to Cmdr. Filippo Marini, a Coast Guard spokesman. The number is only likely to grow, with



Migrants arrive at Palermo's harbour, in Italy, after being rescued at sea, Wednesday. The UN refugee agency says the shipwreck in the Mediterranean this week, in which 400 migrants are presumed to have died, is among the deadliest incidents of the last decade. ALESSANDRO FUCARINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

summer weather encouraging even more people fleeing poverty and conflict to make the perilous crossing.

Survivors of Monday's shipwreck reported that as many as 550 people were on board, according to aid workers.

"Of course this is an estimate. No one who travels knows exactly the number. They don't get a ticket that says: No. 550," said Barbara Molinaro, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees spokeswoman in Italy.

Accounts by survivors, mostly sub-Saharan Africans, indi-

cate the ship capsized when men on the upper deck rushed to wave down a ship they believed to be a rescue vessel, said IOM spokesman Joel Millman in Geneva.

"Many were waving and gesticulating to get attention and that caused the vessel to capsize, with the speculation that women and children who were below deck were drowned instantly," Millman said.

The rescued migrants arrived Wednesday at the southern Italian port of Corigliano, where aid workers dressed in white protective jumpsuits,

gloves and masks worked to process them.

A precise accounting of the number of dead will never be known: The search operation was called off after the recovery of just nine bodies due to the depth of the sea, meaning there will be no body count to verify survivors' accounts, as is nearly always the case.

"For all of these things, we rely on the consistency of the reports we get, but we know these people have been traumatized and through terrible things," Millman said.

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IRAQ

ISIL fighters seize villages

ISIL extremists launched an offensive Wednesday in Iraq's western Anbar province, capturing three villages near the provincial capital of Ramadi in what was the most significant threat to the city by the Sunni militants to date.

The militants' push comes after ISIL was dealt a major blow earlier this month, when Iraqi troops routed the group from Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Wednesday's fighting could also further threaten Ramadi, 115 kilometres west of Baghdad. Nearly a decade ago, Ramadi was one of the strongholds of the insurgency in the U.S.-led war in Iraq. It now is mostly held by Iraqi government forces, although militants control some parts of it, mainly on the outskirts.

In a dawn advance, ISIL extremists seized the villages of Sjarayah, Albu-Ghanim and Soufiya, which had also been under government control until now, and residents said they had to flee their homes. Fighting was also taking place on the eastern edges of Ramadi, about two kilometres from a government building, they added.

In Soufiya, the militants bombed a police station and took over a power plant. The residents, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety, said airstrikes were trying to back up Iraqi troops.

Around noon Wednesday, the militants opened another front with government troops on three other villages to the northeast of Ramadi, the residents added.

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3,500

The UN Refugee Agency estimates 3,500 migrants died in the Mediterranean last year, up from 600 in 2013. With few bodies recovered, many deaths are never officially confirmed. Instead, their fates are recounted by survivors and, in cases when boats are lost at sea without any rescue attempt, by relatives who report their failure to arrive in Europe.

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A resting place of seven unknown soldiers at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu. The Pentagon will disinter the remains of 388 military personnel killed at Pearl Harbor, hoping to identify them. AUDREY MCAVOY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ARGENTINA

New questions in death of prosecutor

The discovery of a gun in a storage area raised new questions Wednesday about the death of prosecutor Alberto Nisman, a mystery that has rocked Argentina.

Nisman's former wife, Sandra Arroyo Salgado, said the discovery of the prosecutor's own weapon bolsters her contention that he did not take his own life since he wouldn't have needed to borrow the pistol that did kill him.

The death gun was owned by Nisman aide Diego Lagomarsino, a computer technician who has said Nisman asked to borrow the weapon because he feared for his life and that of his daughters. Investigators say Lagomarsino is not a suspect.

"This changes the investigation," Arroyo Salgado told a local station in talking about the discovery of Nisman's pistol.

Lead investigator Viviana Fein disagreed. "It doesn't change the

investigation at all" because it wasn't the weapon that killed Nisman, Fein told another station.

Investigators say they have not yet determined whether Nisman killed himself or was slain by someone else a few days after he had accused the president of covering up blame for the country's deadliest terror attack.

Arroyo Salgado and Fein have frequently fought, via declarations to local media, about the investigation. Arroyo Salgado

has criticized the slow pace of the probe, and hired her own forensic team to comb Nisman's apartment. That team concluded Nisman was killed.

Nisman's mother found the gun recently in a storage room with her son's things and told Fein about it late Tuesday during sworn declarations.

Nearly three months since Nisman was found dead Jan. 18 nobody has been arrested.

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'Just waiting for him to come home'

SECOND WORLD WAR

U.S. military trying to identify Pearl Harbor dead

Tom Gray's family has waited for more than 70 years to bring home the remains of his cousin who was killed in the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

On Tuesday, they got a step closer when the military announced it would exhume and attempt to identify the remains of almost 400 sailors and Marines from the USS Oklahoma who were buried as unknowns after the war.

Gray's cousin, Edwin Hopkins, of Swanzey, N.H., was a 19-year-old fireman third class on board the USS Oklahoma when the battleship was hit by nine torpedoes and capsized on Dec. 7, 1941. His remains weren't identified and his family was told he was missing.

Gray said Hopkins' mother never accepted that. She believed he had amnesia and he would show up one day, Gray said.

Hopkins' parents, Frank and Alice Hopkins, put his name on their headstone in Keene, N.H., thinking he would join them one day, Gray said.

They did so, "just waiting for him to come home," Gray said.

Altogether, 429 sailors and

Marines on board the Oklahoma were killed. Only 35 were identified in the years immediately after.

Hundreds were buried as unknowns at cemeteries in Hawaii. In 1950, they were reburied as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific inside a volcanic crater in Honolulu.

The military is acting now because advances in forensic science and technology as well as genealogical help from family members have made it possible to identify more remains, said Lt. Col. Melinda Morgan, a Defence POW/MIA Accounting Agency spokeswoman.

Officials plan to begin the work in three to six weeks, Morgan said. They aim to identify the remains of up to 388 servicemen within five years.

In 2003, the military disinterred one casket from the Honolulu cemetery, commonly called Punchbowl, based on information provided by Ray Emory, a Pearl Harbor survivor who has spent years doggedly scouring documents.

Many remains were comingled when buried, and the military was able to identify five servicemen from that casket. But the coffin also contained the remains of up to 100 others who haven't been identified.

Gray said his family in 2008 learned from a group of USS Oklahoma survivors that Emory had identified discrepancies in the records of the 22 buried as unknowns, including his cousin.

The 22 are buried in about five graves at Punchbowl, Gray said.

"Since then, the families have been fighting to have these sailors disinterred and brought home," said Gray.

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Jamaica's new pot laws begin

MARIJUANA

Possession of small amounts no longer cause for arrest

Drug law amendments that partially decriminalize small amounts of pot and pave the way for a lawful medical marijuana sector went into effect Wednesday in Jamaica, a country where the drug has long been culturally entrenched.

Justice Minister Mark Golding described the reforms as "long overdue" on the Caribbean island, where the drug is revered by members of Jamaica's Rastafarian movement and used regularly by many ordinary Jamaicans. Jamaica's Parliament gave the amendments final approval in February.

The act makes possession of up to two ounces (56 grams)

of marijuana, or ganja, as it's known locally, a petty offence that could result in a roughly \$5 ticket but not in an arrest or a criminal record.

Cultivation of five or fewer plants by any household is allowed.

And Rastafarian adults are now permitted to use marijuana for sacramental purposes for the first time since the homegrown spiritual movement was founded in the 1930s.

In the late reggae icon Bob Marley's old neighbourhood of Trench Town, a dreadlocked Rastafarian adherent known as Nature enjoyed a pipe stuffed full of "wisdom weed," during a Wednesday morning smoking session.

He said Jamaican police, frequently criticized for heavy-handed behaviour when dealing with young men smoking marijuana, will have to learn restraint.

"The Babylon police used to

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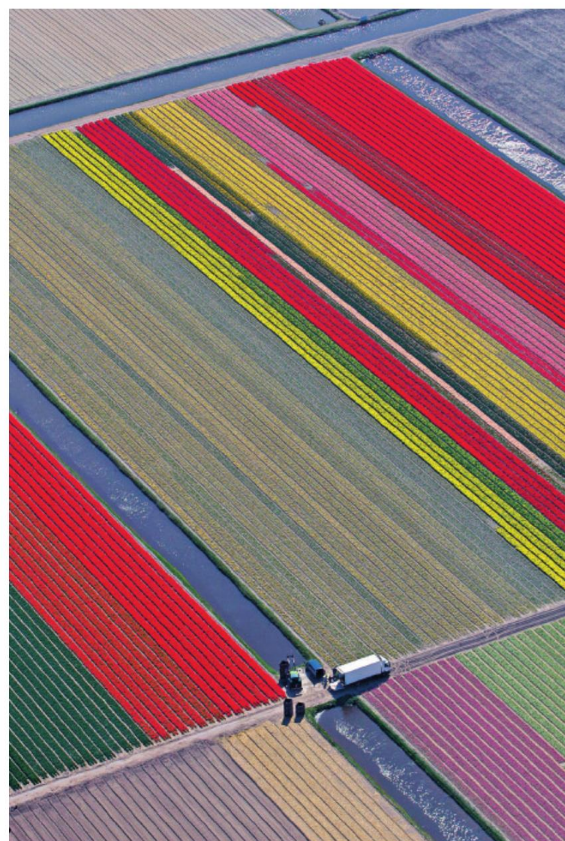
Foreigners who are prescribed medical marijuana abroad will be able to pay for permits authorizing them to legally buy up to 56 grams of local weed for medical or therapeutic purposes during their stay.

abuse the Rastaman for smoking the herb. But the times are changing and the agitation has to stop," Nature said in the Trench Town Culture Yard.

A new "cannabis licensing authority" is supposed to regulate the cultivation and distribution of marijuana for legal purposes.

However, it's not clear when a regulated and taxed medical marijuana sector will get off the ground in Jamaica.

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SPRING A LONG WAY TO TIPTOE Fields of blossoming tulips are seen from an airplane as it flies over Keukenhof, a large flower bulb garden and showcase of the Dutch export product, in Lisse, Netherlands, Wednesday. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Houston woman's quintuplets all girls

A Houston hospital says a woman has given birth to five girls in what it believes is the first set of all-female quintuplets born in the U.S.

The Woman's Hospital of Texas says it took four minutes for mother Danielle Busby to deliver the babies by caesarean section April 8. The mother had an intra-uterine insemination for her pregnancy.

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Man injured after he tries to kill bedbugs

Police say a Long Island man set his rental car ablaze while trying to kill bedbugs inside the vehicle.

Scott Kemery suffered first- and second-degree burns in the incident Tuesday outside a supermarket.

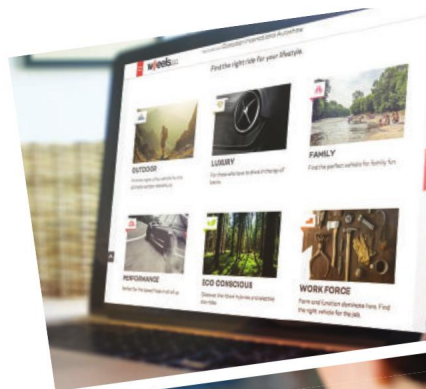
Police say the man poured alcohol over the insects, then sat in the car and lit a cigarette, setting off the blaze.

Detective Sgt. Edward Fitzgerald said that someone told Kemery that if he saturated the bedbugs with alcohol it would kill them.

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Finding a taste for bug-based foods

FOOD SERVICE

'Entrepreneurs' hope to satiate the desire for insect dishes

An increasing number of "entrepreneurs" are launching businesses to feed a growing appetite for crickets, mealworms and other edible insects.

These upstarts are trying to persuade more Americans to eat bugs, which can be produced with less land, food and water than other sources of protein.

At least two billion people worldwide already eat insects as part of their diet, according to the 2013 report by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

Inside San Francisco's La Cocina, a commercial kitchen for food entrepreneurs, Monica Martinez empties hundreds of live mealworms, each about two inches long, into a plastic container. She uses chopsticks to pull out dead ones before pouring

the squirming critters on a tray and sliding them into an oven.

Martinez started Don Bugito PreHispanic Snackeria to entice American consumers with treats inspired by popular snacks in her native Mexico. Among her specialties are spicy superworms and chocolate-covered, salted crickets.

"The idea is to offer another type of protein into the food market," said Martinez, an artist and industrial designer who launched Don Bugito as a street food project in 2011. "The biggest job that we have to do is to try to get more people to try our foods."

In addition to Martinez's operation, bug-based businesses have popped up in Berkeley, Calif. (Bitty Foods) and in Youngstown, Ohio (Big Cricket Farms).

Oakland-based Tiny Farms is trying to address supply crunch by developing more efficient ways to mass-produce crickets and other bugs. It eventually wants to create a large network of insect farms to supply food makers such as Don Bugito and

Bitty Foods.

"The goal is basically to make it easier and cheaper to produce industrial-scale volumes of insects that can be used in food products," said Daniel Imrie-Situnayake, a software engineer-turned-entrepreneur. "We're really just scraping the surface." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Monica Martinez sorts mealworms prior to baking them on Wednesday in San Francisco. BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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"Pity the poor science deniers. They're missing all the fun"

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A NASA scientist thinks we're only 25 years away from evidence of alien life, whatever that might be.

And that's only last week's news cycle.

We are living in an unparalleled age of science, and we're lucky to be here. It may have taken 3.3 million years since the first tools were made, according to a new finding out of Kenya, but it feels like science today is moving at warp-speed, and we get to witness all the incredible discoveries.

Nearly 20 million people follow the latest news on Elise Andrew's I F—ing Love Science Facebook page, and she herself is a minor celebrity.

Another famous science evangelist, the astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, has a new late night celebrity talk show, part of his mission "to reach people who didn't know they like science. Or people who knew they did not like science," as he told Metro's Dean Lisk recently.

Amid science's rising popularity, there is rising skepticism. Tyson has butted heads with creationists and climate change nonbelievers on social media, fighting "the rise of anti-science sentiment and the rise of science deniers," a group I feel sorry for, because

of the fun they're missing.

And of course, science isn't perfect. Government controls and corporations can influence the outcomes of studies. Researchers can be bullied for controversial beliefs, and there is still no equality of race or gender.

Science also gets a bad rap for not making up its mind. Competing studies confuse us about whether wine is good for us, or running or chocolate or even weed. But its messiness is part of what Andrew loves.

"In science, every question answered leads to 10 more. I love that science can never ever be finished," she said in a 2013 interview.

I love that researchers working on male baldness recently found that skin cells can communicate with each other — through a study on plucking hairs. Science answers questions we didn't even know to ask.

But maybe the best thing about science is how much awe it offers up — images of luminous galaxies or a new ghostly species of fish from the deep sea, bones from prehistoric time or stem cells that grow into human limbs.

According to a recent study out the University of California, that feeling of awe is good for your health, in case you needed another reason to be grateful for this age of science.

Rights of nonbelievers count, too

POLITICS

Chantal Hébert



Under the guise of a ruling on the place of the prayer at Saguenay's City Hall, the Supreme Court of Canada has put a mirror up to the face of all Canadian legislators.

The onus for maintaining a secular public space is on them and not on the individuals who toil in the public service and/or who interact with their administrations.

Moreover, neither the preservation of a historical religious heritage nor the notion that a given faith is that of the majority should override the principle of a neutral state.

On that basis, the crucifix is more likely to eventually come down from the walls of institutions such as the Quebec national assembly than kippas, turbans and religious veils such as the hijab are to be banned from Canada's federal, provincial or municipal workplaces.

There is also little in the subtext of the ruling to sustain the federal case for a ban on the face-covering niqab from federal citizenship oath ceremonies.

Wednesday's judgment dealt specifically with the practice of Saguenay's municipal council to open its public meetings with a prayer. The court found that it infringed on the fundamental rights of nonbelievers.

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The prayer

"God, eternal and almighty, who has all power and wisdom, we are assembled in your presence to ensure the welfare and prosperity of our city. Grant us, we beseech you, light and energy to our deliberations to promote the honour and glory of your holy name and the spiritual and material happiness of our city. So be it."

The immediate consequence of that finding is to force Mayor Jean Tremblay — a devout Catholic who had cast this battle as nothing less than a religious crusade — to abandon the practice.

The same goes for the dozens of municipal councils across Canada that begin their deliberations with a prayer of some sort.

According to the Court, it is not because the text of a prayer is non-denominational that it is non-discriminatory or that it respects the principle of the neutrality of the state.

The recitation of a prayer remains a fundamentally religious act, a fact about which the court had this to say: "... the state may not, by expressing its own religious preference, promote the participation of believers to the exclusion of nonbelievers or vice-versa. (...) A neutral public space free from coercion,

pressure and judgment on the part of public authorities in matters of spirituality is intended to protect every person's freedom and dignity, and it helps preserve and promote the multicultural nature of Canadian society.

(As an aside, the House of Commons prayer whose text is identical to the latest version used in Saguenay may be protected by parliamentary privilege.)

The recitation of a prayer remains a fundamentally religious act

This is just the latest chapter in an increasingly heated national debate over the balance between religious freedom and the secular character of Canada's public institutions. In its unanimous ruling, the top court drops more than a few hints as to how it sees the way forward. Although it refrains from pronouncing on the place of religious symbols on the walls of public institutions, the judgment suggests that their presence — if challenged — is unlikely to be saved by the argument that they reflect a historical or cultural heritage.

That's the rationale most commonly used to defend the crucifix that hangs on the wall of the national assembly.

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A dress worn by Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara in 1939's *Gone With the Wind* is expected to fetch more than \$100,000 at auction April 18. We asked five experts to tell us what dress from a film from the past 15 years they think will still be a major draw at the end of the 21st century

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"A Kirsten Dunst dress in *Marie Antoinette*. Or a Maggie Smith robe in *Harry Potter*, because she is such an amazing actress. The *Harry Potter* films and books have a deep resonance with several generations. It is not so much the dress itself but what it will represent when the era and film is seen years from now."

Alexandra Palmer, senior
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MALEFICENT ANGELINA JOLIE

"Disney's female villains have great style. Angelina Jolie's *Maleficent* is no exception. *Maleficent*'s dark and dramatic high-collared gown with its matching cape and horns exudes power, and even instils fear. It's the look of someone who can hold her own, and reflects the way modern women dress. It's less about conforming, and more about empowerment."

Sabrina Maddeaux,
fashion and design writer
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Thin ban misses the point: Model

CATWALK CONTROVERSY

Size 6 is most common in France, yet brands hire super-skinny

France's waif obsession means its fashion sector snubs many women with bigger body types, but there is no need for a ban on ultra-thin models, said the patron of a plus-size Paris catwalk show.

"It's a cultural blockage," explained Clementine Desseaux, a 26-year-old French model who lives in New York.

The size 10 brunette gets year-round catalogue and campaign modelling work in the U.S., where she emigrated four years ago, compared to rare jobs in France, as American department stores recognize that most women aren't slim, she says.

"In the United States, it's a market apart. You can make a

career as a plus-size model. In France, it's not a career — it's a hobby," Desseaux said. "There are no clients."

But, she added, "it's not for lack of demand: There are a lot of round women here. Parisian women are round, too. You mustn't think they are all small and thin!"

The data back her up. According to the French Institute for Textile and Clothing, size 6 is the most-sold size in France, and 40 percent of Frenchwomen wear size 10 or over.

In an effort to rebalance the scales, Desseaux was the star model at the third Pulp Fashion Week this past Saturday and Sunday in Paris that features larger women on the catwalk.

Twenty-four models walked the podium in some 20 labels to show that fashion is not only for the slimmest of customers.

Such initiatives are also held in North America, Britain and Germany, with greater success.

The organizer of the Paris event, Blanche Kazi, said the

refusal by major plus-size fashion labels was the main stumbling block. "They are the ones who could really shake things up with big sponsor budgets and financial partnerships," she said.

For all her morphological militancy, Desseaux is against France's mooted legislation to ban ultra-thin models who are under a certain body mass index (BMI). The measure was voted on by lawmakers in the French parliament's lower house, and could well become law if the upper house backs it.

Desseaux, like other professional models, believes that the natural thinness of many top catwalk models is being wrongly mixed up with the medical condition of anorexia.

"For me, it's just as dumb to say you're too thin as it is too say you're too fat — it's the same thing," she said.

"The problem is not a model's BMI," she said, adding that a more concrete issue was the insistence of certain fashion labels to hire only underfed models. AFP



Plus-size model Clementine Desseaux says the practice of hiring underfed models, not a model's BMI, is the problem. AFP

SUNGLASSES

Shades of retro chic ... and the future

The first rays of sunshine have burst through, so the time has come to find the perfect pair of sunglasses to look like a star while still protected from UV rays. Once again this year, there are plenty of vintage-style models to choose from, but future-looking wares are generating a buzz too.

Aviator-style frames

This retro look gets revisited every year, and though brands only barely tweak the ultra iconic shape, they do play with the details (temples, rhinestones, lenses, patterns, materials). Mixing retro with futuristic is a sure way to impress. Beyond Ray-Ban, many others continue to release various versions of this legendary look every year, including Tom Ford with Cyrille (\$535), Charles Round (\$320) and Marko (\$380).

Back to the '60s

Sunglasses will travel back in time this summer to the 1960s. A round shape will be prevalent in models with different colours, decorated with prints or in a more subdued look. This trend also marks the return of '60s tortoise-shell-style temples, as seen in Lesca X Faguo's unisex model in acetate named Gabin, priced just under \$200.

Futuristic looks

Certain brands have chosen to present futuristic designs as an alternative to the retro trend. That's notably the case with Dior and the \$400 Dior Technologic model, seen in their summer 2015 show, with its pantos shape, metal open-worked frame (available in silver and gold), ultra-flat tone-on-tone lenses and matte black acetate temples. AFP



Clockwise from top, Tom Ford's Cyrille, Lesca X Faguo's Gabin and Dior's Technologic

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HBO chides Twitter app after GoT leak

HBO's Game of Thrones has the dubious honour of being popular with both pirates and viewers.

After its fifth season began Sunday, users of a Twitter-owned live-streaming app shared the fantasy drama.

HBO said Tuesday it sent "take-down" notices to Periscope, the app that allows video streaming from users' phones to their Twitter followers.

Twitter, which recently acquired Periscope, said the app complies with U.S. copyright law and will respond to valid

take-down requests. On Monday, HBO said four unaired Game of Thrones episodes that were leaked online had come from within a group authorized to receive preview DVDs.

The unrelated incidents don't appear to have hurt the show's ratings. HBO hasn't released figures, but reports say nearly eight million viewers tuned in to the premiere, the best start yet for the series based on the works of George R.R. Martin.

HBO indirectly chided Periscope, saying in a statement that app developers should



Daenerys Targaryen from Game of Thrones. CONTRIBUTED

have tools to "proactively prevent mass copyright infringement"

and not rely solely on being notified after such incidents occur.

Neither HBO nor Twitter had further comment on the issue.

But in a Periscope copyright policy posted online, the company said it expects users to respect intellectual property rights and asks those alleging copyright infringement to contact it with details and proof.

The policy also says that Periscope reserves the right to remove such content without prior notice and to terminate the account of a "repeat infringer."

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TECHNOLOGY

Zuckerberg touts VR potential as 'pretty wild'

Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg sees a wild future in store for virtual reality.

During a written question-and-answer session available at his Facebook page on Wednesday, Zuckerberg said that the technology will one day let people travel virtually to places real or imagined.

"It will be pretty wild," Zuckerberg said while fielding queries from members of the leading social network. "Just like we capture photos and videos today and then share them on the Internet to let others experience them too, we'll be able to capture whole 3D scenes and create new environments and then share those with people as well."

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Child 44 is set in a post-Second World War Soviet Russia.

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Russia nixes Hollywood film release

WORLD

Nation claims it's portrayed as a 'Mordor' in Child 44

Russia on Wednesday scrapped the release of a new Hollywood movie, just a day before it was to open, with the culture minister saying it insulted the nation.

Child 44, directed by Daniel Espinosa, is a mystery thriller featuring a Soviet policeman investigating a series of grisly child murders in 1953. Its stars include Tom Hardy and Gary Oldman.

The ministry said it made a joint decision with the film's Russian distributor not to release it after hearing complaints concerning "distortion of historic facts and wilful interpretation of events ... as well as images

and characters of Soviet citizens."

The ministry and the distributor, Central Partnership, decided that it would be "inadmissible" to release the movie in Russia in the run-up to celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany, the ministry's statement said.

Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky said the movie cast the Soviet Union as "a sort of Mordor, populated by physically and morally defective subhumans, a bloodbath on screen involving Orcs and vampires." He was alluding to the land of evil in J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings.

"That is how our country is shown, the country that has just won a great war, become a global leader and was close to launching the first hu-

man into space," Medinsky said in a statement.

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TELEVISION IN BRIEF

NatGeo finds its funny bone

The National Geographic Channel, not usually a place you'd look for laughs, is making its first comedy.

The network said Wednesday that it is making a mini-series, History of the World ... For Now, that takes on the broadest of possible topics with the help of cartoons, puppets and the like. It is expected to air next winter.

"I know it may sound like

oil and water, but I refuse to believe our sophisticated National Geographic audience is not ready" to experiment with a new genre, said Tim Pastore, the network's president of original programming and production. The network is making it with producers John Altschuler and Dave Krinsky, whose previous credits include HBO's Silicon Valley and Fox's King of the Hill.

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Planet Earth gets sequel

The sweeping documentary series Planet Earth is getting a sequel.

Our Planet will focus on the Earth's last wilderness areas and the animals living there, the project's British producers said this week.

The filmmakers said they plan to use the latest digital camera technology as they venture from the planet's ice caps to ocean depths to de-

serts and remote forests.

Audiences will have to be patient: The eight-part series will take four years to make and is planned for a 2019 debut for Netflix customers internationally.

Our Planet is being produced by U.K.-based Silverback Films in collaboration with World Wildlife Fund, an independent conservation group.

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Fast lives of female celebs

POETRY

Actress Amber Tamblyn's poetry explores six short lives

Actress Amber Tamblyn writes about dead Hollywood actresses in her new book of poems. But *Dark Sparkler* is more than that.

"The book is about the lives and deaths of celebrity women in a certain way, but it's also about voyeurism, it's also about projection, it's also (about) ... what it's like to be an object for a living," Tamblyn, 31, said in a recent interview.

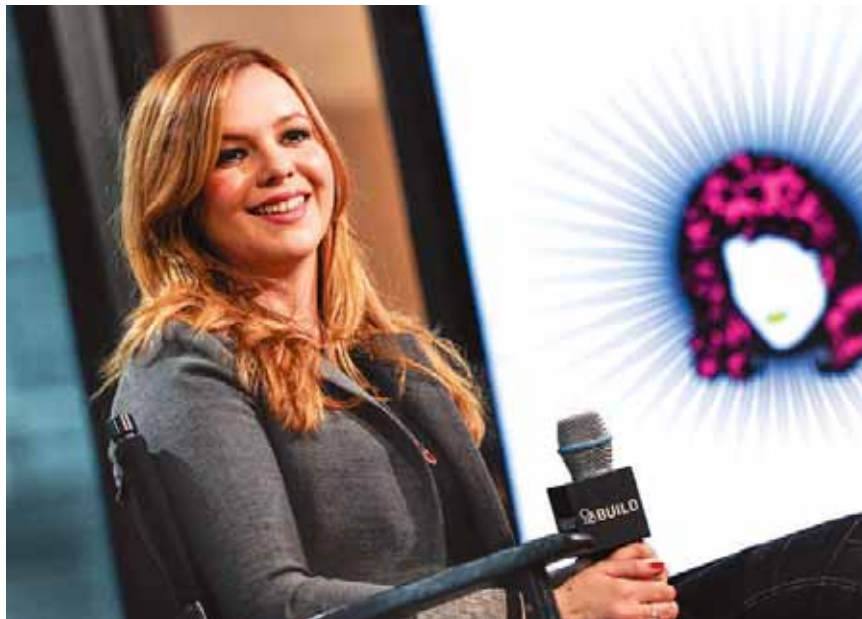
Each poem is about a celebrity who died before the age of 40, including Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield and Rebecca Shaeffer.

It took Tamblyn six years to write, with a year off when it became too much for her.

She said it began with a poem she wrote for actress Brittany Murphy, who died in 2009 from a combination of pneumonia, anemia and multiple drug intoxication.

Tamblyn focused on women because "I understood the lives of these women more personally and in a deeper way."

Dark Sparkler is the third book of poetry by Tamblyn, who starred in *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* films with Blake Lively, Alexis Bledel and America Ferrera and on TV in *House* and *Joan of Arcadia*. She talked about the book, published by Harper Perennial, and actress Lindsay Lohan.



Amber Tamblyn says *Dark Sparkler* is partially about "what it's like to be an object for a living."

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What impact did writing this book have on you?

Studying your dead peers will get to you. Plain and simple.

Reading autopsy report after autopsy report and listening to interviews.... It's hard not to get obsessed and absorbed into that into the point where you start to lose your mind a little bit.

Why did you focus on this dark topic?

If anything, I wanted other young women to see how much (of) our interior pains are the same and at the end of the day what you feel is

what I feel and it's very similar, but often times actors don't really get to express that in a true manner because of the way in which we are promoted or the way we promote ourselves.

Do you think your next poetry will be lighter?

I actually have started working on my next book which will be a collection of love poems, so it will be the opposite. Warm and cozy.

You left a blank page in the book for Lindsay Lohan. Why?

I think that she is sort of categorically one of the largest pop objects we have that we talk (about) and we project our own fears onto and project our own beliefs and judgments onto her and her life. It was my way of putting a blank page both for the media and people who have treated her in that way, but also it's a page ... where I get to say, "You know, I'm not gonna write this poem for you. I'm not gonna put you in the category where everyone else puts you among these women."

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FICTION

Writer goes down 'Nessie rabbit hole'

Renowned Canadian author Sara Gruen says it was the Loch Ness monster that led her to her latest story, *At the Water's Edge*.

In the new book, the Vancouver native — whose hit novel *Water for Elephants* became a 2011 film starring Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson — writes of a privileged American trio on the hunt for the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland during the Second World War.

Gruen says she first became interested in Nessie when she visited the Scottish Highlands at age 12.

"Of course at 12, I was sure I was going to see the monster, so I waited and waited and waited — and didn't," she says.

Then about four years ago, she was "procrastinating" on putting pen to paper ("I'm very, very good at writing-avoidance," she says with a laugh) and found an online article about government secrecy surrounding the lake creature of Scottish folklore.

"There was an exhibit in, I think, Edinburgh of declassified documents," she says.

"And one of them was a letter from Scotland Yard that indicated that nobody had any doubt whatsoever that



the monster existed, and they were trying to figure out how to protect it from big-game hunters."

That sucked her into a long Nessie surf session online (her "Nessie rabbit hole"), followed by a trip to Scotland to start research for a new story after 2010's *Ape House*.

At the *Water's Edge* centres on young Philadelphia socialite Madeline (Maddie) Hyde, her husband Ellis and their friend Hank. They take a dangerous ship trek to Scotland after a posh New Year's Eve bash.

Years prior, Ellis's Army Colonel dad tried to prove Nessie existed. THE CANADIAN PRESS



I would set up shop in the corner of a pub and pretend I was Skyping and doing work.

Canadian novelist Sara Gruen, on eavesdropping in Scotland



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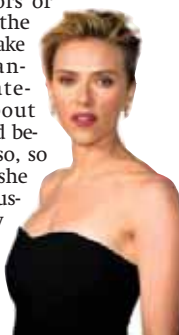
BABY BABBLE

ScarJo mum on how to be a mom

New mom Scarlett Johansson is not here to give you parenting advice, and she doesn't think any other famous moms should, either.

"I'm such a newbie at this. I always really hate it when actors or people in the spotlight make giant grandiose statements about parenthood because it's so, so personal," she tells the Australian Daily Telegraph.

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STRIPPED DOWN

Leaking nude pics just his style

Be careful what secrets you tell your friends. That's the lesson One Direction member Harry Styles is learning after pal Ed Sheeran gave a candid interview in which he revealed that Styles leaked his own nude photo back in 2012, despite the fact that Styles denied it at the time. "Did you know that Harry leaked that picture himself? He leaked his own picture. I think that's amazing," Sheeran tells ZM Online.

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CELEB CASH GRAB?

Mendes met with criticism over contest

A Shawn Mendes marketing campaign encouraging young fans to buy every single copy of the teen-pop heartthrob's new album from local stores is eliciting outrage from child advocacy groups.

The 16-year-old Toronto native trumpeted the release of *Handwritten* with a #HandwrittenBuyouts Twitter contest, urging his fans to purchase every last Mendes CD from store shelves.

On Tuesday he tweeted to his nearly three million followers: "Go to stores today & buy all the album copies! U can find a #GoldenShaw-



nAccessPass & meet me! #HandwrittenBuyouts. One devotee tweeted a photo of herself clutching a colourful wad of Canadian bills with the message: "I guess all my baby-sitting payed (sic) off! :)"

Multiple child advocacy organizations raised questions about the strategy on Wednesday.

"I think that's really concerning, considering his appeal to younger fans," said Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood associate director Josh Golin, who called the campaign "unethical."

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LEGAL RIGHTS

Cornell wades into Dog ownership fight

Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell says the co-founder of a famed Seattle recording studio has no claim to own the master tapes of *Temple of the Dog*, which Cornell recorded with Eddie Vedder and other members of Pearl Jam in 1990.

A&M records sued Raj Parashar, who founded London Bridge Studios with his brother, in March, demanding that Parashar turn over the master tapes. The label says it bought the album in 1991.



Chris Cornell GETTY IMAGES

A&M didn't say in its complaint why it wants the master recordings, but such tapes can be used in re-issuing albums. Next year marks the album's 25th anniversary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sarah Polley has confirmed reports she is writing a script for an adaptation of *Little Women* and that she is producing an *Alias Grace* miniseries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Polley penning new film script

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Little Women latest project for director

Actress-director Sarah Polley has confirmed reports that she's working on a new big-screen adaptation of *Little Women*.

"I'm writing *Little Women* and I'm writing my own film as well," Polley said.

"And then I'm producing *Alias Grace* as a miniseries, which I've been writing for a long time, and it's now written in six, one-hours and hopefully will go into production either this year or next year," she added, referring to

“Writing is something you can do while a baby naps”
Sarah Polley

an adaptation of Margaret Atwood's novel.

Polley, who got a 2008 Oscar nomination for best adapted screenplay for *Away From Her*, said she's "always writing."

"Writing is something you can do while a baby naps, so it's perfect," added the mother of two. "But the idea of going back out into the world and making my own stuff,

it's not immediate. My youngest is still seven months, so I'm not jumping back on a film set right away. But it's something that I'm excited to do."

On Tuesday, Polley helped announce the winner of this year's \$100,000 Glenn Gould Prize.

She and an esteemed international jury panel picked American composer Philip Glass as the 2015 recipient of the biennial prize, which honours living laureates from a variety of creative disciplines for their body of work.

Polley called the three-time Oscar nominee's work "visionary."

"I think he pushed something that was very avant-garde and on the fringes into the mainstream," she said. "I think he, as a result, opened people's minds musically."

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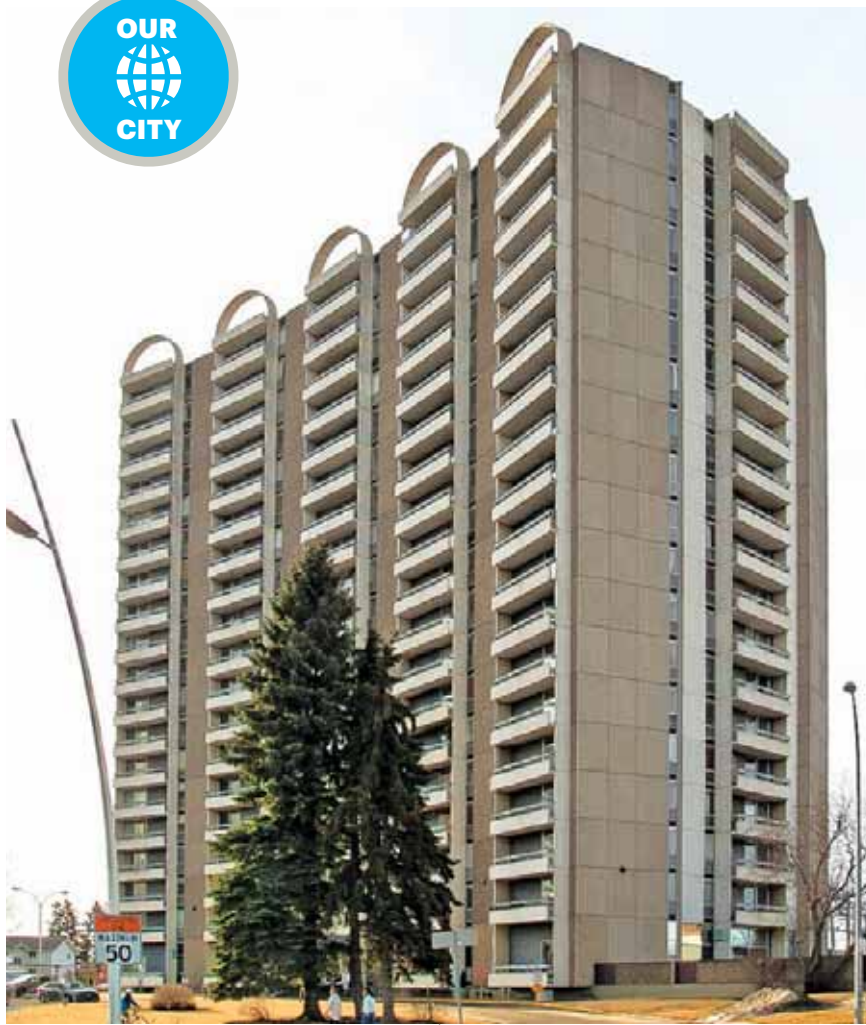
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\$314,000

Calgary

The condos in Westgate Park were built on the previous site of the Westgate Hotel in the community of Spruce Cliff. This suite in the Brava Tower at 55 Spruce Place SW includes a recreation facility and 24-hour concierge. The asking price is \$314,900. This unit is just 15 minutes from downtown, says listing agent Ernest Gardy, with Re/Max House of Real Estate, 403-651-3093.



\$179,000

Winnipeg

Here's a contemporary three-storey midrise within walking distance of the University of Manitoba at 1525 Chancellor Dr. The asking price is \$179,900. The renovated suite boasts a designer kitchen with stainless-steel appliances, a four-piece bathroom, wood fireplace and a large balcony. Listing agent is Chris Kenny with Re/Max Professionals, 204-899-4858.



\$488,000

Vancouver

The Rhapsody is a mid-rise community on 910 8th Ave. The top floor, private, 797-sq.ft. roof-top apartment has a panoramic view of the city, mountains and water, with an asking price of \$488,000. The suite was owned by a young couple who have a baby and are moving to a larger space, says listing agent Pam Allen with Re/Max Real Estate Services, 604-790-8464.

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Tomas Plekanec, left, celebrates his goal with Habs teammate Alex Galchenyuk on Wednesday night in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Habs call on Flynn for win

NHL PLAYOFFS

Ottawa's luck runs out quick as Canadiens take opener

Brian Flynn's goal was the winner at the end of a wild second period that saw six goals scored and star defenceman P.K. Subban ejected for slashing, as the Montreal Canadiens downed the Ottawa Senators 4-3 in the opening game of their NHL playoff series on Wednesday night at the Bell Centre.

Montreal takes a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference series into Game 2 on Friday night.

The emotion-filled match featured the first goals as Canadiens by late-season pickups Flynn and Torrey Mitchell while Tomas Plekanec and Lars Eller also scored for Montreal.

Milan Michalek, Kyle Turris and Mika Zibanejad scored for Ottawa.

The crowd was roar-

ing until Michalek got credit for the opening goal at 12:25, which was put into the net by Montreal defenceman Andrei Markov.

A rebound off the end boards got by two players and Markov tried to tuck it into Carey Price's pads when it went in.

The game broke open when the Canadiens scored twice in a 15 second span of the second frame.

That represented the fastest two playoff goals by Montreal since May 8, 1998, with Mitchell and Plekanec scoring.

But only six seconds later, Eller went to the penalty box for slashing.

Seven seconds after that, Subban took a chop at Mark Stone's hands and the Senators scoring leader went down in apparent pain and rushed off for treatment.

Subban was slapped with a five-minute major

GAME 1 In Montreal



and game misconduct.

The Senators scored twice through Turris and Zibanejad and conceded a short-handed goal to Eller during the penalty.

Then Flynn came out of a corner and slid the puck past Hammond to give Montreal the lead with 2:43 left in the period.

Stone, who went into the playoffs on a nine-game points streak, returned to play, left again late in the second period, then returned midway through the third frame.

It was a shaky game for Ottawa goalie Andrew Hammond, who got his team into the playoffs by going 20-1-2 down the stretch.

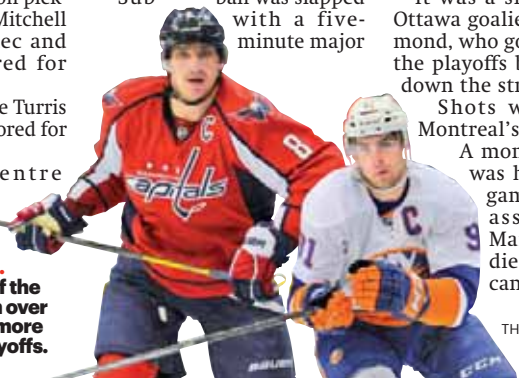
Shots were 39-33 in Montreal's favour.

A moment of silence was held before the game for Senators assistant coach Mark Reeds, who died this week of cancer at 55.

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Hernandez found guilty

TRIAL First-degree murder earns former Patriot life in prison

Former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for a deadly late-night shooting, sealing the downfall of an athlete who once had a \$40-million contract and a stand-out career ahead of him.

Hernandez, 25, who had been considered one of the top tight ends in professional football, shook his head and sat down

after the jury forewoman pronounced him guilty in the slaying of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old landscaper and amateur weekend football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée.

Hernandez's mother, Terri, and his fiancée, Shayanna Jenkins, cried and gasped when they heard the verdict. Hernandez, his eyes red, mouthed to them: "Be strong. Be strong."

The former football pro was also found guilty on both weapons charges he faced.

"The jury found that he was just a man who committed a brutal murder," District Attorney Thomas Quinn said after the verdict. "The fact that he was a professional athlete meant nothing in the end."

Lloyd was shot six times early on June 17, 2013, in a deserted industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough. The motive has never been explained. Police almost immediately zeroed in on the former Pro Bowl athlete because they found in Lloyd's pocket the key to a car the NFL player had rented. Within hours

of Hernandez's arrest, the Patriots cut him from the team. The team declined to comment on the verdict.

Prosecutors presented a wealth of evidence that Hernandez was with Lloyd at the time he was killed, including home security video from Hernandez's mansion, witness testimony and cellphone records that tracked Lloyd's movements.

Hernandez's lawyer, James Sultan, acknowledged for the first time during closing arguments that Hernandez was there when Lloyd was killed.

But the attorney pinned the shooting on two of Hernandez's friends, Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, saying his client was a "23-year-old kid" who witnessed a shocking crime and did not know what to do. Wallace and Ortiz will stand trial later.

Hernandez faces further legal trouble: he is awaiting trial on murder charges in a 2012 Boston drive-by shooting. He is accused of gunning down two men over a spilled drink at a nightclub.

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The jury deliberated for 36 hours before rendering its verdict

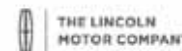
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RECIPE Potato Rost with Sunny Side Up Egg and Smoked Salmon



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A delicious root vegetable patty served with a sunny side up egg and smoked salmon makes a great light dinner served alongside a large tossed salad.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.

2. Squeeze out all moisture from grated potatoes. Add to bowl along with onion, flour, salt and pepper. Make 6 large potato pancakes on baking pan. Spray with vegetable oil and bake for 20 minutes, turning over after 15 minutes.

3. In two large skillets sprayed with vegetable oil, crack 6 whole

eggs and cook sunny side up, just until whites are cooked and yolk is still slightly loose.

4. Divide yogurt over potato cake, then add smoked salmon and carefully place one egg over each pancake.

Ingredients

Serves 6

- 4 cups peeled grated baking potato (approximately 2 – 12 oz potatoes)
- 6 eggs, divided
- ¼ cup grated onion
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- Salt and pepper
- 2 Tbsp plain Greek yogurt
- 2 oz diced smoked salmon

Nutritional information per serving (1 pancake)

- Calories 158
- Carbohydrates 14.4 g
- Fibre 1.2 g
- Protein 9 g
- Fat 5 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 200 mg
- Sodium 232 mg

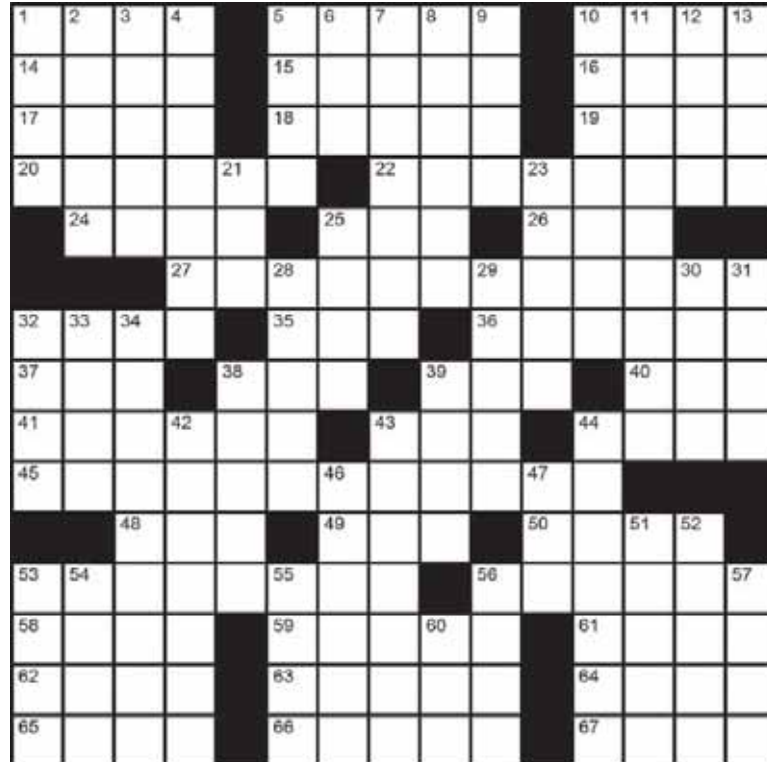
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

- Stitches-needing reason
- Chump
- Plane travel needs [abbr.]
- Choir voice
- Leading
- Canadiens, to NHL fans
- Vending machine opening
- Laissez-__
- Genetic messengers, commonly
- __ of smoke
- Formidable frozen formations
- No, in Munich
- Tea, in Ta-doussac
- Religious robe
- Newfoundland's insect-eating provincial flower: 2 wds.
- Answers/fixers of problems, for short
- Blood-typing letters
- Magic __ (Mr. Clean product)
- __ pro nobis (Pray for us, in Latin)
- Suffix with "Second"
- Ms. Babilonia of figure skating
- Payer's pledge
- Sleeveless cardigan/jacket alternative
- Rumer's 2015 DWTS pro partner
- Ms. Heche
- Endeavour __ Vents (Marine Protected Area offshore from Vancouver Island)
- Composer's li'l output



- Excavated material
- Home theatre purchases
- "Where the Sun Don't Shine" Ottawa-born singer, __ Maria
- Quibbles
- La __ (Weather-affecting phenomenon in the equatorial Pacific)
- Wild dog of Australia
- Old World buffalo
- Performed perfectly
- Finished
- High-pitched barks
- Put forward

- an idea
- Playing marble material, perhaps
- Ladies
- "M*A*S*H" character, '___' Houlihan
- Pretoria, __
- Steepled beverage
- Disney animated movie work song
- Actress Ms. Matlin
- Ancient concert sites
- 1975 Ali/Frazier

DOWN

- "Egad!" sound interpretation
- "__ the Family": 2 wds.
- Shoulder scarf

- bout nickname, __ in Manila
- Body of water between Nunavut's Ellesmere Island and Greenland: 2 wds.
- Alpiner's ascending aid
- Leaky balloon sounds
- Tropical cuckoo
- Calf-length pant
- Frozen dessert chain [acronym]
- Psychic fair card
- Domain
- City sign's light 31. "___ Blue" by Madonna
- Student status, shortly
- "___ Plata" (Montana's state motto)
- Cause that Princess Diana was involved in towards the end of her life
- "___ of golden daffodils..." - Wordsworth
- Weight allowance
- Movement/campaign
- Porch
- "Archie, Marry Me" band from Toronto
- Perfecting
- Oklahoma city
- Singer Ms. Washington
- Slippery __
- Start to 'sack' (Backpack)
- Puerto's partner
- Concept
- Encrypt
- Back talk
- Understand

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

The approaching new moon puts you in the mood to have fun, so make sure you get whatever work you have to do out of the way before the weekend.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

The most important thing now is that you make a serious effort to look on the bright side, no matter what may occur. Sometimes you have a tendency to fear the worst but today, tomorrow and over the weekend it's going to be all good.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

You will find it easier to work with other people today, and they will find it easier to work with you. If there is anything you have fallen out over recently then now is the time to discuss your differences.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

Some things are personal and some things are business. Do you know how to tell them apart? Try not to get upset about things that are not aimed at you directly.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

If you have been a bit under the weather of late don't worry about it. In a matter of days you will be back to your best and looking and feeling like a million dollars.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Yes, you have been living beyond your means. Yes, you have been wasting your resources on things you don't really need. But the fact that you can admit that to yourself means there is hope. Be more responsible as from today.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will make new friends over the

next few days but you will make an enemy or two as well. Don't let that worry you though as, on balance, you will come out way ahead.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Get a grip on your working routine and make sure you are not doing things for other people that they should be doing for themselves. The approaching new moon will help you get rid of the hangers-on – of which there are plenty!

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You need to be adventurous and you need to be courageous but most of all you need to truly believe that you have what it takes to be the biggest and the best. Think you can do all that? Then you can do anything. So do it!

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Family matters will be even more important than usual over the next few days and you will have to make allowances for loved ones and relatives who get emotional for no good reason. Unlike you they are lacking in self-control.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

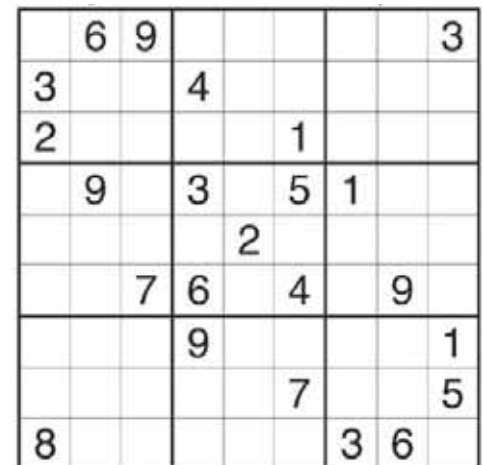
Try not to see each and every situation you face as a battle to be won or lost. People are not the enemy, not even those people whose views and opinions you despise. Try talking to them instead of shouting at them today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Watch what you spend today or tomorrow or you may have nothing left come the weekend, and that would be a shame as the planets suggest there will be a last-minute invitation to a party or a social event you won't want to miss.

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